

BOARD REPORT

Meeting Date: April 23, 2019

Agenda Item: 4.2

Body: Isla Vista Community Services District

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Agenda item title: Lighting Expansion Update

Recommendations

A. Receive and file this report.

Summary

On April 11, Board leadership and staff met with Supervisor Hartman, Public Works Director Scott McGolpin, and Public Works staff to discuss enhancements to street lighting in Isla Vista. We discussed deficiencies in the street lighting network that are outlined in the Preliminary Lighting Expansion Plan, and potential for financing enhancements. Public Works provided the District with a detailed financial report of County Service Area 31 which provided more clarity as to the status of CSA's ongoing costs and non committed fund balance (See attachment). We also discussed various options for financing capital improvements to the street lighting networks.

In the coming month, Board leadership and staff will accompany Supervisor Hartmann and Public works staff in a lighting walk in order to demonstrate the deficiencies in the lighting network, and identify the potential for infill street lighting and increasing the wattage of existing streetlights. In addition, we will be working with law enforcement agencies to analyze crime and accident data in order to demonstrate the need for enhanced street lighting in underlit areas.

At the Ad-Hoc Budget Committee Public Forum, residents continued to voice their support for improving street lighting in areas identified in the Preliminary Lighting Expansion Plan. Board leadership believes that the continued engagement of the public will be important in order to see this project through to completion.

Attachment: County Service Area 31 Financial Overview and Memo